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Sir:

Please add the following claims:

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13. Method according to claim 1, wherein (1) the messages are received by nodes in the network, (2) the nodes are equipped with rules to follow, and (3) following the rules makes the messages self-propagating and self-terminating.

14. Method according to claim 5, wherein the nodes of paragraph (c) include nodes which originated the propagating reports.

15. Method according to claim 1, wherein the self-propagating messages lack stated destinations.